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In re application of:

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For: METHOD FOR DETECTING  
PARTIAL CONDUCTOR SHORT  
CIRCUITS, AND DEVICE FOR  
PERFORMING AND USING THE  
METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop Patent Application**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Prior to taking up this new patent application for action on the merits, please  
amend the application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*Kindly rewrite Claims 1-12 and add Claims 13-18 as follows, in accordance with  
37 C.F.R. § 1.121, as modified by Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted, 1267  
OG 106 (Feb. 25, 2003):*